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DLNR ANNOUNCES AN OPEN FISHING SEASON FOR RAINBOW TROUT AT KOKE'E PUBLIC FISHING AREA, PU'U LUA RESERVOIR ONLY.

LIHU'E – The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) announces an open fishing season for rainbow trout at the Pu ' u Lua Reservoir only, in the Koke'e Public Fishing Area (PFA), Kaua'i. This open fishing period begins effective immediately, and ends on December 31, 2008.

The trout population remains high in Pu ' u Lua Reservoir. However, because water levels in the reservoir are kept low for the safety of the dam, this results in lowered water quality and higher water temperatures which are not optimal for the trout. Therefore, the Department prefers to have as many of the adult fish removed as possible.

The restriction of a daily bag limit of seven fish per day is temporarily lifted for trout caught at the reservoir during this open fishing period.

The Department will announce a new fishing season on January 1, 2009 or shortly thereafter, as provided by law.

No fishing is permitted in the streams or irrigation ditches within the public fishing area.

Anglers may fish with only one pole and line, or with one line with one lure or one baited hook attached to one line. The use of treble hooks is prohibited.

The complete rules for fishing for rainbow trout at Koke'e public fishing area are in Chapter 13-64, Hawai'i Administrative Rules, and can be found on the DLNR website, as cited below, or by calling any Division of Aquatic Resources office.

Anglers must have a valid State of Hawai'i freshwater game fishing license and may fish only during the daylight hours between sunrise and sunset. Licenses may be obtained at DLNR offices, at selected fishing supplies stores, licensed agents, or purchased online at

<http://www.hawaii.gov/dlnr/dar>.

Anglers are strongly advised that during wet weather conditions, a 4-wheel drive vehicle is REQUIRED for driving to the Pu'u Lua reservoir. All anglers are required to check in and out at the Pu'u Lua reservoir check stations while fishing at the reservoir .

For more information or the current list of license agents, please call the DLNR Division of Aquatic Resources offices on O'ahu at 832-5009, or on Kaua'i at 274-3344.

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